

will point out the duties to be performed by the respective officers of the  
 Sir John has already required me to do a duty which was invariably  
 performed by the Secy to the Department. Mr. Chew is his Cousin & duty now  
 I have not refused but I consider it as not perfectly just that I should  
 execute a duty which is another's, simply because he chooses to do nothing

I shall not have any occasion to correspond  
 with ~~Mr~~ Thornton unless the whole of the I. Department is transferred  
 to the Military. If that does not take place I suppose that my  
 official Letters will be directed by you as Secy to the Governor in Chief.  
 I shall be a ~~large~~ loss in many instances by the Change & in the  
 bargain a 30 Per centum by the Income Tax.

Yours Dear Sir

Your most obliged

& very humble Servant

J. W. Mutton

P.S. The Stationary is not yet come  
 from Montreal but is I suppose on board

the Schoop. The goods mentioned in the Board of Survey at Quebec as  
 "partly Damaged" and of which it is said "may be selected sufficiently  
 good for the purpose intended if issued immediately" (2 Dec 1807) must now  
 from the Saltwater they have been in now be so much  
 damaged as to be incapable of being issued to the troops.